"A LONG WAY FROM HOME"

Scripture

Capt. Tom Clarke comes from Nowra on the south coast of New South Wales. His wife Jane is a Sydney girl. So initially Launceston, Tasmania did seem "A Long Way From Home" for both of them. "Now" says Tom, "it's as though the Bass Strait isn't there and we really feel at home!"

Tom and Jane live in one of a cluster of villas (townhouses) in the new growth area of Summerhill, West Launceston. The first year for Tom was a lonely one as he had left Jane, his then fiancee, back in Sydney. They had met at the Church Army College of Evangelism where Tom completed his training as an evangelist and Jane was personal assistant to the College Principal.

Parish Evangelism

As Parish Evangelist at St. Mark on the Hill, he didn't have time to sit around. Outreach has been the top priority, door knocking 2 growing suburbs to find out who were Anglicans, or who showed interest in Christianity and to let them know about activities at their local Parish Church. All this effort produced a great list of names of people to follow up and has led to continuing visitations with lots of morning tea and cakes etc. It has been a process of getting to know people and them getting to know me. Then telling them about God and what he has to offer.

Capt. Clarke teaches scripture at the local primary school. He's also run the well known "Life in the Spirit" course throughout the Parish. Many times he's called on for speaking engagements.

Jane

Jane's role in ministry is mainly Parish visiting, though she is involved in helping run an in-parish personal development course and is a group leader. Since living in Launceston Jane has pursued her natural love of art, taking a course called "visual exploration". Adding to her skills of drawing, she's taken up painting in oils and water colours.

Spare Time?

Questioned about what he does in his spare time, in a typical Church Army response, Tom replied, "What spare time?"

Parish Evangelism doesn't leave much time to do much else. Especially the last 2 months as Summerhill has been without a Rector and Tom has had to fill this role too. "On our days off" says Tom Clarke, "Jane and I just act like a couple of tourists. We want to see as much as we can of Tasmania".

Meantime the Parishoners of St. Mark on the Hill are making them feel "not such a long way from home!"

Tom & Jane, typical tourists

Home visiting

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WELCOME

We welcome onto the Church Army Executive Board three new members — the Venerable R. David Bowden Th.Schol., Archdeacon of the Central Coast, St. Mark's Terrigal, N.S.W. and Deaconess Margaret A. Rodgers Thl, B.A. & B.D. and Mr James Mills, Solicitor.

Raymond David Bowden

Ven. R. David Bowden

Archdeacon Bowden was born in and grew up in the same street as the then Church Army Training College in Stockton (Newcastle, N.S.W.) His association with Church Army in recent years has mainly been through the many students who have done their practical training at weekends in his Parish.

He has a wide experience in ministry in the Armidale and Newcastle Diocese, and three years in the U.S.A.

Married to Linda (who has a glorious singing voice), they have three children — Rebecca, Tim and Michael.

Hobbies and relaxations include, jig-saw puzzles, watching cricket, listening to classical music, reading escapism thrillers (spies, 'who dunnits' and high adventure) and he admits to a fascination for travelling on trains.

Margaret Amelia Rodgers

Deaconess Margaret Rodgers

Deaconess Rodgers is the Administrative and Research Officer for the General Synod Office, Sydney. From 1976 to 1985 she was the Principal of Deaconess House.

Brought up in Dapto, on the south coast of N.S.W. for the past 20 years has lived and worked in Sydney.

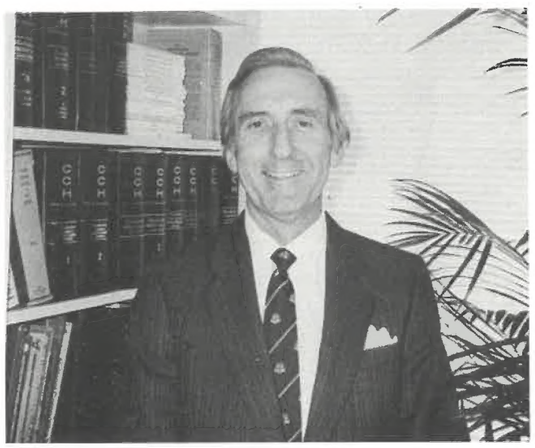
Deaconess Rodgers is very involved in Diocesan affairs, serving as a member of the Doctrine Commission of the Sydney Diocese and of the Sydney Diocese Standing Committee, also a member of the Executive of the General Board of Religious Education. In 1981 she was a member of the Commission which produced Advance Australia Mission for the General Synod. Currently Chairman of the Board of New College at the University of New South Wales.

Worshipping at St. Stephens, preaching occassionally, assisting with Holy Communion, a Parish Nominator and a former Church Warden means she's an active Church member.

Enjoys dining out, films, reading biographies and good detective novels, opera and chamber music. Most of all enjoys 19th Century Ecclesiastical Biographies and 19th Century women's writing.

Having travelled extensively in Asia and the United States, wants one day to take a trip to London.

James Edward Mills



Mr. James Mills

Mr James Mills is a solicitor, with a law degree from Sydney University. Born in Hamilton (Newcastle) N.S.W. he now lives in Cheltenham and his law firm is in Eastwood (both northern suburbs of Sydney). Prior to coming to Sydney, he was in practice in Condobolin for 12 years.

Married to Shirley, they have three grown up children, ages from 24 to 29. The Mills family worship at St. Paul's Wahroonga. Mr Mills is a lay reader and Mrs Mills is a keen member of the choir.

A past Chairman of Open Air Campaigners, and still active with that organisation, Mr Mills is also a member of Rotary. Hobbies are music, reading and gardening.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF CHURCH ARMY LEADERS

In July of this year, the leaders of the different Church Army Societies around the world met for a conference in England. The previous meeting was held in New Zealand during 1981.

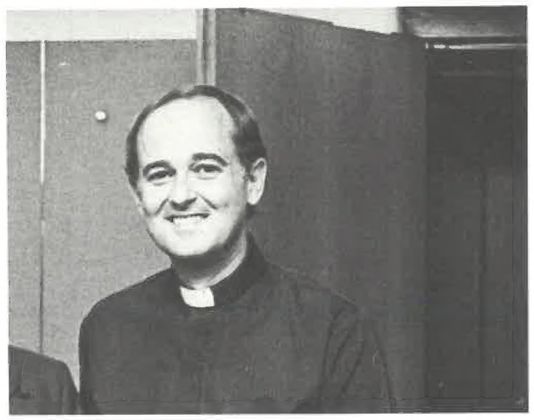
At the Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism in south-east London, eleven very different countries were represented. Prayer and praise were offered to God, fellowship was enjoyed, frustrations were expressed, ideas were exchanged, and visions were shared. All of this made for a great deal of talking, and required attentive listening. All of us who had the opportunity of attending this important gathering must now seek ways of implementing what is appropriate to our particular country. The discussions revealed the deep hunger there is for greater satisfaction in lives which somehow seem empty and unfulfilled. Circumstances and languages differ greatly between continents, but Church Army evangelists today find that deep need is still only met as people turn to God through repentance and faith in Christ.

It is exciting to hear of lay people being trained and equipped to witness to the change God has brought about in their lives. The Church Army of today is alive and well, and responding to the changes which are taking place in our world. Please continue to pray that the Church of God will firmly grasp the evangelistic opportunities which are constantly being offered — not just abroad, but here in our own backyard of Australia.

The Church Army World Leaders

The Federal Director and his wife being presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Runcie at a Garden party at Lambeth Palace.

CHURCH ARMY COMMISSIONING SERVICE



Rt. Rev. Bruce Wilson

A special service of Admitting and Commissioning will be held on December 10th at 7.45 p.m. in St. Matthew's, The Corso, Manly.

The Rector of St. Matthew's, Rev. Brian King who has had a long association with Church Army in his previous parish, Wahroonga, will be host and taking part in the Service.

The Rt. Rev. Bruce Wilson of Canberra/Goulburn will be acting on behalf of the Primate, Admitting to the office of Evangelist, those students who have successfully completed their training. Bishop Wilson will also be preaching.

The Federal Director of Church Army. Capt. Gilbert Page will be commissioning students as officers of the Society.

All are most welcome at this Service and the supper which follows.

For those coming from the south or city, St. Matthews is only a short walk from the Manly ferry terminal and some may prefer to travel that way.

For further enquiries, ring Wal Spencer, The Publicity Department, Church Army, (02) 451 8395 or (02) 451 0928.

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Captian Bruce Geeves — Sister Lyn Bullard: Married 5-9-87 at St. John's Coffs Harbour, N.S.W.

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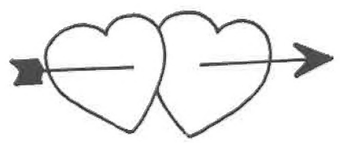


"A WARRIOR GOES HOME"

Sister Gertrude Phillpot was commissioned as an evangelist with the English Church Army on 28th September, 1923. On 21st August 1987, Sister died in the nursing home section of the C.A. Brown Anglican Retirement Village, Booragul. The loss is felt both in England and Australia, but we thank God for a life of faithful ministry.

Sister arrived in this country from England in 1951. After working in Wagga Wagga, she served on the staff of the Church Army College here for nearly five years. "Official" retirement came at the age of 60 years and Sister Phillpot moved to Booragul, but even here she continued actively to serve others. There was Scripture teaching for the Rector of Toronto. There was work as relief Matron at St. Hilda's hostel for working girls in Booragul. Then for as long as she was mobile there was the visiting of other residents, especially the sick, at the Village. Her reading of a Scripture passage, and her thoughtful prayers encouraged and blessed many.

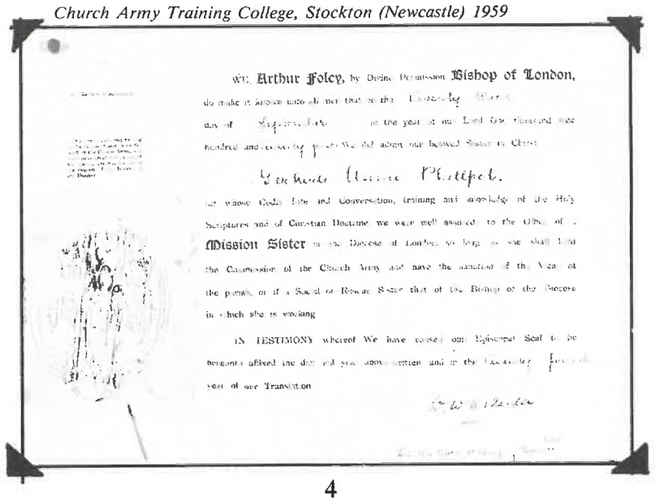
On several occasions Sister had to enter hospital for treatment, as cancer weakened her physically. But each time she returned home to her little unit, strong in faith and spirit. Many could not understand how she kept going, but marvelled at her testimony to the keeping power of God.

I recall very clearly Sister taking an active part in our Church Army Staff Conferences. She joined in the discussion and prayer. It was as though no one had told Sister Phillpot about "the generation gap" as she talked and listened to the younger officers — as she rejoiced with them over new things happening.

All of us miss our friend, but we praise God for the privilege of serving with Sister Phillpot. For so many years she was — as is now in an even deeper way — "At home with the Lord".

CAPT. GILBERT PAGE

Front Row: Captain R.L. Gwilt, Rev. G.J. Coad, Sister G. Phillpot, Rev. Capt. A.W. Batley.
Back Row: Captains J. Corby, A. Malcolm, B. Sverdloff, G. Gallagher.
Church Army Training College, Stockton (Newcastle) 1959



We, Arthur Foley, by Divine Permission Bishop of London,
do make it known unto all men that on the [illegible] day of [illegible] in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and [illegible] [illegible] did admit our beloved Sister in Christ
Gertrude Maria Phillpot.
of whose Godly Life and Conversation, training and knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of Christian Doctrine we were well assured to the Office of a Mission Sister in the Diocese of London so long as she shall hold the Commission of the Church Army and have the sanction of the Vicar of the parish or of a Social or Rescue Sister that of the Bishop of the Diocese in which she is working
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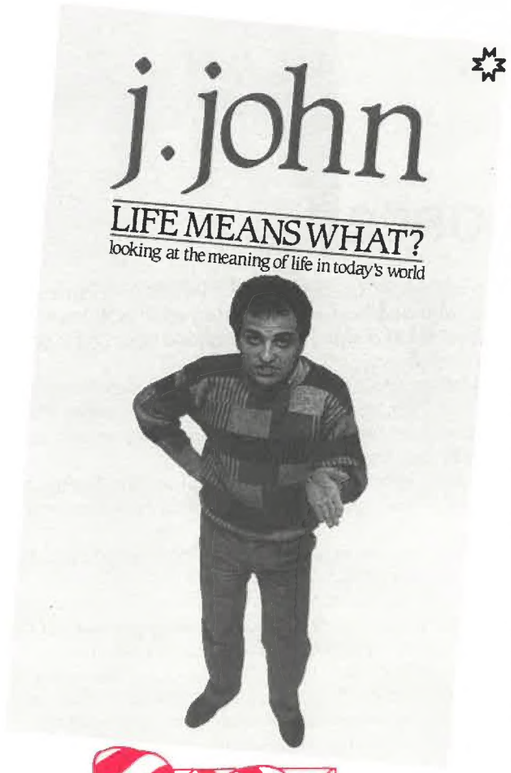

VAN MINISTRY NEWS

The "I" witness mobile evangelistic ministry team Sister Lyn Geeves (Bullard) and Sister Sabina Fantoni are missioning in the parish of Brighton-le-Sands/Rockdale. The mission theme is G.I.F.T. (Grow in Faith Together!). A full programme of courses and other activities is keeping parishoners of all ages motivated and on the move. Courses include, Motivational Gifts, Dynamic Christian Living, Friendship Evangelism and Life in the Spirit.

Lyn and Sabina are also holding "One to One Sharing" sessions, which aims at spiritual needs.

In between all the working and teaching sessions are a number of social events. A Teddy Bears Picnic, the G.I.F.T. Revue, (a night of out-of-this-world entertainment and fun?), a barbecue and rally, "Young Adults Week", from 1st November to 8th November is aimed at the 18 to 35 year olds. During this week the A.B.C. Radio Religious Department will be recording various events and activities. They will also record two of the special outreach church services being held at the end of the outreach week.

This mission brings the end of the leadership of the Van Ministry by Sister Lyn Geeves. Recently married to Captain Bruce Geeves, C.A. Lyn leaves to take up a less active role in ministry.

Next year the "I" witness ministry leaves the mainland for the first time to hold a mission at Sandy Bay, Tasmania.

L. to R. Heather Lance, Rev. John Lance, David O'Mara, Church Army Student.
Sr. Sabina Fantoni & Sr. Lyn Geeves.

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Message FROM THE FEDERAL DIRECTOR

"It's Good to be Home"

It is always enjoyable to go away to a different place on holiday. A change of scenery, another lifestyle, a different routine, can all be relaxing and refreshing. Yet there can be few people who, upon their return to old familiar surroundings, have never breathed a sigh of relief, and felt — if not said — "It is nice to be back".

Writing to Jewish Christians many years ago, the author of a book we call Hebrews, said "Here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come". The old negro spiritual expresses a similar sentiment — "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passin' through . . ."

The Church Army, is theology with its feet firmly on the ground. Our evangelists are very involved in what is happening within their particular community. They are deeply committed to both the people and situations where they minister. At the same time their responsibility and joy is to help people become aware of a love and power beyond what we can see and touch.

An old saint once said — "O God, you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." Someone else speaks of us having a god-shaped hole in our lives. The trouble is, so often we try to fit other things in this hole — whether possessions or relationships. Some of course get frustrated with trying, and perhaps even give

Captain Gilbert Page, C.A.

up completely. Rather like children who in disgust throw away their puzzle shapes.

Only as we commit our lives to the Lordship of Christ will we ever feel truly at home. Thus it will be perfectly natural one day when we die, to continue to enjoy God's presence in his eternal home.

Gilbert A. Page.

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CHURCH ARMY PARISH RESOURCES

Plan Ahead for Lent

This year Lent was a busy time for the Church Army Staff who handle Teaching Programmes, Videos etc. for use in parish housegroups and training programmes. Many parishes did the five week programme 'Building a People of Power'. Others saw and discussed other devotional talks on video by Terry Fullam, Tony Campolo and John Powell. A number of parishes left booking videos until it was too late and we couldn't let them have what they had planned. Now is the time to decide what to do for Lent 1988. We have many new resources since last year but we expect requests to be **double** last year. So book **now.**

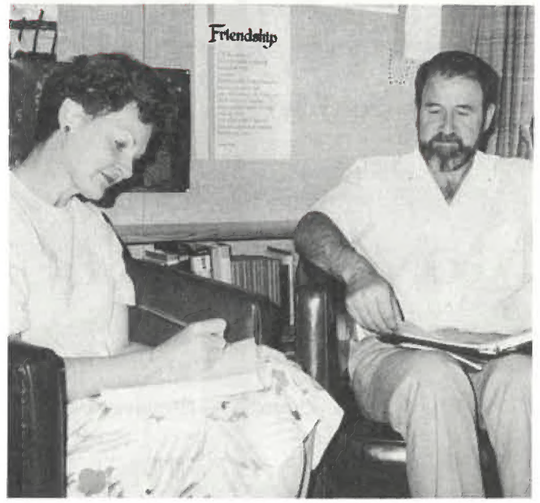
The following programmes are recommended as suitable for a Lenten Study group:

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE — At long last we've received this series of videos. Over four sessions Richard Foster explores the twelve basic Christian disciplines (as covered more fully in his book). Church Army has produced a study discussion booklet for each video. (Cost $8.00 per person doing the four week programme.)

HOLINESS — A new teaching programme by R.C. Sproul on the nature of God and how our lives should and can come to reflect his attitude and lifestyle. This new programme is also new since last year.

BUILDING A PEOPLE OF POWER— Five Teaching videos on Prayer (with work booklets for each session). Talks are by Selwyn Hughes and Trevor Partridge (both known for their contribution to 'Every Day with Jesus'). This teaching programme along with the longer eight session course 'Dynamic Christian Living' continues to be widely used in groups throughout Australia. Cost is $10.00 per participant (which works out at $2.00 per session).

TERRY FULLAM AT FORBES — Five ninety minute addresses by the Episcopalian priest, the Rev. Terry Fullam. Talks deal with both renewal of the Church as the Body of Christ and the experience of a fuller Christian life by its Members. Cost $2.00 per participant per session.



Rev. Graeme Macrobb, Principal of C.A. College & Personal Assistant, Anne Deane

I HAVE DECIDED TO LIVE LIKE A BELIEVER — Five funny but spiritually challenging 30 minute talks by Dr. Tony Campolo. There is also a Campolo programme (Four Videos) called "Future Shock" designed to help Christians explore ethical and technological issues that effect our society. (No study booklet available as yet).

OTHER VIDEO PROGRAMMES suitable for either individual nights or an extended course are also available. Write to **"Church Army Parish Resources", P.O. Box 107, Frenchs Forest, 2086 or ring (02) 451 8395** to book programmes. A full catalogue of video and other teaching programmes is available.

PART TIME COURSES AT BELROSE

If you live within travelling distance of the Church Army College at Belrose, N.S.W. then there's no need to 'talk to the telly'. Why not enrol in one of the part-time courses to be held starting February next year. People wanting to do the Associate of Theology Certificate can do either (or both) 'Church History' or 'Christianity and World Religions'. The Bethel Course will start again with Old Testament being offered on Tuesday nights and on Tuesday mornings. For those wanting to learn ministry skills we will be holding 'Friendship Evangelism', 'Caring', 'The Ministry of Encouragement' and 'Communication and Relationships'. We will be repeating 'Working with Youth', our extensive training programme for Youth Leaders on Wednesday nights. Other things are still being planned so don't hesitate to ring or write for further information. But book early as some courses have a limited number of places available.